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**PROGRAMME** PRODUCT AND "METHOD, COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING COMPUTER DATA TO AN

**OUTPUTTING DEVICE"** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

As of the mailing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

## REMARKS

Enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of an official action dated March 10, 2003, from the German Patent and Trademark Office in the application upon which a claim for priority benefits has been made in the present application. The official action cites two references of interest, and a copy of each of these two references is enclosed as well.

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed art is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to account No. 501519.

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